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### PASADENA CONFERENCE, 1911

The decision to hold the next A. L. A. meeting in Pasadena, beginning May 18th, offers an opportunity to see California at much less expense and under much more favorable conditions, than ordinarily. Exact figures are not possible until a definite rate shall have been settled by the railroads, but at this time approximate rates and a sketch of an itinerary as proposed by this Committee can be given. The suggested route has been decided as most nearly meeting the wishes of those expecting to take the trip, and gives a rather unusual opportunity to see the principal features of our West and Southwest, including the Rocky Mountains. Two methods of making the trip are possible; one by a personally conducted party, by special train out, and an opportunity to return either with the party or by any other route at any time during the summer; the other by individual journey, having the benefit of the reduced railroad rates and, if desired, travel by tourist sleeper instead of Pullman.

The proposed itinerary of the special party is here given, and has been made up after consultation with those familiar with the region to be visited, as giving the maximum of variety, and covering the most notable features of that part of our country. The Grand Canyon of the Colorado River in Arizona will be the only stop on the going trip, and the fame of this canyon is such that no description need be given here.

During the week at Pasadena it is assumed that side trips will be made by the delegates to the various points of interest thereabouts, Los Angeles, Mt. Lowe, Mt. Wilson, Riverside and Mt. Robidoux, Redlands, Long Beach, Santa Catalina Island off the coast, and possibly to San Diego and Coronado Beach, the extreme southwestern corner of the United States. The expense of such trips is not included in the party ticket, nor the cost of the week at the conference in Pasadena (Hotel Maryland is headquarters and ample chance near by for accommodations at somewhat less rate if desired). There is no doubt that special excursion rates will be made to the various points of interest mentioned, and an extra day after the adjournment of the conference is allowed in order to cover the region thoroughly.

Leaving Pasadena on the homeward journey, the party will travel north by the famous coast line, over the "Road of a Thousand Wonders," stopping first at Santa Barbara where a visit will be made to the old Mission, one of the best preserved and most beautiful of the historic old missions built nearly two hundred years ago by the Spanish Fathers. The Santa Barbara Mission is still occupied, and with its attractive gardens and beautiful location forms one of the attractions of the state.

At old Monterey two nights will be spent at Hotel Del Monte, famous the world over for its location and beautiful grounds with palms

and cacti, and here the famous seventeen-mile drive along the coast to the old cypress grove will be taken.

At Santa Cruz there will be a chance to visit the grove of big trees, and at Palo Alto a stop in order to inspect the Leland Stanford, Jr. University.

Arriving at San Francisco the party will spend three days which will give opportunity to visit Oakland, the State University at Berkeley, the Golden Gate Park, and to ascend Mt. Tamalpais. An expedition to the new Chinatown will also be of interest.

From San Francisco starting eastward, a stop will be made at Sacramento for a few hours in order to visit the State Capitol and see that beautiful city. Then Salt Lake City, the headquarters of the Mormons, will be visited, whence a day's ride by train through the heart of the Rockies will bring the party to Colorado Springs and Manitou, where a day or two can be spent. The ascent of Pike's Peak, the drive through the Garden of the Gods, trolley trip to the North and South Cheyenne Canyons, and a visit to the Cripple Creek gold fields, are among the many possibilities. Then, to end the sight-seeing, a day in Denver with opportunity to visit the new public library.

Those who desire to visit the Yosemite Valley can do so by prolonging the trip about four days, and adding to the expense about \$45.00, and if a sufficient number desire this, a second personally-conducted party will leave San Francisco for Yosemite and then on, following the same route as the former party.

This trip as outlined, from New York to New York, without including Yosemite, will occupy about 31 days, and will cost, everything included except the stay in Pasadena, between \$225.00 and \$250.00, first-class Pullman service and first-class hotels everywhere.

### Synopsis of Proposed Itinerary

- May 12 Leave eastern points.
- " 13 Leave middle - western points, forming special train at either Chicago, St. Louis, or Kansas City.
- " 14-15 Travel.
- " 16 a.m. Arrive Grand Canyon.
- " 17 Leave Grand Canyon.
- " 18 Arrive Pasadena 2:10 p. m.

May 19-26 In Pasadena.

- " 27 Leave Pasadena 8:15 a. m., arriving Santa Barbara 11:40 a. m.
- " 28 Leave Santa Barbara 11:45 a. m., arriving Monterey 8:11 p. m.
- " 29 At Del Monte Hotel, Monterey.
- " 30 Big trees near Santa Cruz. Arrive San José 3:35 p. m.
- " 31 Leave San José 8:50 a. m., arrive Palo Alto, and arrive San Francisco, afternoon.
- June 1-2 San Francisco.
- " 3 Leave San Francisco 9:00 a. m., arrive Sacramento at noon, leave 10:40 p. m.
- " 4 Travel.
- " 5 Stop over several hours Salt Lake City.
- " 6 Through Royal Gorge, arrive at Manitou in evening.
- " 7-8 Manitou.
- " 9 Leave Manitou 8:05 a. m., arrive Denver 12:25, leave 10:30 p. m.
- " 10 Travel.
- " 11 Arrive middle-western points, Chicago 7:20 a. m., leave 10:30 a. m. for the east.
- " 12 Arrive eastern points.

Those taking Yosemite, leave San Francisco evening of June 1st, arriving Sacramento June 6th, Denver June 12th, middle-western points June 14th, eastern points June 15th.

In a later announcement the committee will give the railroad rates, the Pullman and tourist car rates, and a list of the various lines over which this trip may be made. It will also be arranged that those going out with the special party can return home by the northern routes from Portland and Seattle, with opportunity, if desired, to visit Yellowstone Park, or go through the Canadian Rockies.

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Chairman A. L. A. Travel Committee.

Since the above article was written a rate of \$72.50 from Chicago to Los Angeles or San Francisco and return has been granted, with July 31st as the time limit for return. Proportionate rates are granted from points west of Chicago. If return is made by a route north of San Francisco \$15.00 extra will be charged. Rates east of Chicago have not yet been definitely settled, but they will be decided before the next issue of the Bulletin goes to press.